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TO SYNTHESIS GAS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 6, 2006

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.